

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 371a10e0d71ca748bbea0... 12s.jpg

**Other known title(s):** 8-393421

**OFLC ref:** 1700478.003

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 13 September 2017

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 12 September 2017

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes the sexual exploitation of children. It is an illustration which explicitly depicts girl being sexually abused by adults. The only purpose of the image file is the sexual arousal and gratification of those with a sexual interest in children. Material such as this presents children as sexually available, as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and encourages and legitimises such interest. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.